

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 8, 2010

The Edinburg Town Council met in regular session on June 8, 2010. Mayor-Town Manager Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members were present with the exception of Councilman Dellinger. Town Attorney, Kevin Black was also present. Visitors included: Town Police Chief, Michael Clem and Town Maintenance Supervisor, Ronald Ross.

Mr. Harshman asked the visitors if they had any comments on non-agenda items. Chief Clem reported that he is in the process of updating the Policy Manual for the Police Department. Chief Clem reported that the Manual had not been updated since 2001 when Chief Myrtle put it together. Because of the great number of pages involved, it was decided that the Chief would supply one copy to be circulated for Council's review once the Manual is complete. He will also be able to supply an electronic copy for anyone interested in reviewing it that way.

Councilman Beachy stated that there should be a correction in paragraph nine on the first page of the May 11, 2010 minutes. In the last sentence of paragraph nine, it should state that the streetlight behind the Mill needed to be removed, not moved. Town Clerk, Mary Embrey will make this correction. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of May 11, 2010 with the correction. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Mr. Harshman stated that the report does not reflect the amendments made to the Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Hite to approve the Treasurer's Report and to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

The Water and Sewer Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the rebuilt blower for the WWTP has arrived, but we are still waiting for the belts to arrive. As soon as they get here, the blower will be installed.

Mr. Harshman also reported that Plant Operator, Kim DeFeo has reported that she is having problems with one of the influent pumps in the wet well at the WWTP. It has been tripping the breaker and the cause has not been discovered yet. Ms. DeFeo has checked for obstructions that might cause the pump to overheat. EEMA maintenance is going to look at a check valve that was installed a few months ago to see if that might be malfunctioning. Mr. Harshman stated that if that is not the cause, the pump motor will have to either be replaced or rebuilt.

Mr. Harshman reminded Council to let Ms. Embrey or Ms. Heier know whether or not they will be attending the EEMA Christmas in July dinner on July 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Dan's Steakhouse.

The Street Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the tar and chip work is complete on Town Hall Avenue and Park Road. Mr. Harshman reported that some other areas were also repaired while the contractor was in Town. Councilman Hite asked Mr. Harshman if VDOT realized that they put the crosswalk in front of Farmer's and Merchant's Bank in the wrong place after they finished paving. Mr. Harshman stated that he had to call VDOT to tell them about the mistake.

The Ordinance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that he got slightly ahead of himself at the May meeting in the adoption of State Law for vehicles. There will be a second reading and adoption tonight.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the Edinburg Heritage Foundation's \$100,000 loan to reimburse the Town for expenses on the Mill project is behind schedule, but it is scheduled to close sometime this week.

Health & Safety Committee Chairman, Councilman Wood reported that Officer John Custer, the new Town policeman is now on duty. Councilman Wood commended Chief Clem for finding a replacement so quickly. Councilman Wood called attention to Chief Clem's report and commented on the Torch Run, which will pass through Edinburg on Wednesday, June 9th.

The Property Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the trees have been planted and the Town has received reimbursement from the Forestry Grant.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

Park Committee Chairman, Councilman Wood commented that the weather was much nicer this Memorial Day weekend than it was last year. Councilman Wood thanked Town Maintenance Supervisor, Ron Ross and his crew and Chief Clem for keeping up the park so well and keeping it safe. Councilman Wood also thanked Fay Wymer for being the Pool Manager again this year.

The Insurance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that a VML Insurance Representative came to visit him today. Mr. Harshman told him about the insurance adjuster's comments on Broadway Metal's quote to fix the gutter damage. Mr. Harshman explained that reinstalling the gutters and snow brakes on the Edinburg Mill will not be a routine repair. Mr. Harshman feels that this might have been the reason for the higher price quote from Broadway Metal. Mr. Harshman stated that the Town will resubmit the quote to the main office for VML to decide if the higher price is warranted.

Mr. Harshman reported that he attended the May Travel Council meeting. Hank Zimmerman with ShenandoahValley.com reported that the design for the new website for Shenandoah County Tourism is progressing well and should be up and running by June 30, 2010. Mr. Harshman also reported that the County will be hosting a Virginia Tourism Commission Help Desk at the Yellow Barn on June 24th. This will be to assist all tourism related business and those interested in doing business with tourism. Mr. Harshman also reported that a report was given on the newest Civil War Trail sign that was installed near Holtzman Oil in Mt. Jackson. This was the site of a Civil War hospital and ties in with the Sesquicentennial Initiative effort in the County.

Mr. Harshman also reported that the Mt. Jackson Travel Council member reported on the Shenandoah County Chamber Challenge Putt-Putt Competition on Monday, June 14th at 12:30 p.m. in front of the Bryce Resort Lodge. All elected officials in the County are invited to compete in the event and they will be serving a box lunch.

Mr. Harshman reported that things are still moving forward at Edinburg Square. Mr. Harshman believes that the Bank has decided on a contractor to do the stabilization work there. The Bank has been responsive in cutting the grass on the three lots in Phase I and the other open space in the development. The Bank has also been in touch with VDOT about the sidewalk along Route 11. VDOT is going to inspect the site tomorrow and see if the placement of the sidewalks can be worked out. Mr. Harshman also reported that two more easements from property owners may be required. The Town Council should be considering the resolution requesting VDOT to take the roads into their maintenance system at the July meeting; assuming that the Bank will have everything to VDOT on the roads and sidewalks in the development by the end of June.

The ARB did not meet last evening.

There was no Planning Commission meeting last month.

The Zoning Administrator did not submit a report.

The Town Attorney had no report.

Mayor Harshman asked Council if just the title could be read for the second reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 160.1, Adoption of State Law, of the Code of Edinburg, Virginia. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the reading of just the title of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 160.1, Adoption of State Law, of the Code of Edinburg, Virginia. Motion carried and only the title was read. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilwoman Wymer to adopt an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 160.1, Adoption of State Law, of the Code of Edinburg, Virginia. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Hite-aye, Dellinger-absent, Beachy-aye, Wymer-aye, Carver-aye, Wood-aye, Harshman-aye.

Mr. Harshman asked Council to consider a Resolution to authorize the Town to pick-up the employee's contribution to the Virginia Retirement System for Plan 2 employees. Councilman Hite called attention to two errors in the Resolution. In paragraph four, "thet" should be "they", and in paragraph six, "trat" should be "treat". These corrections will be made. Town Clerk, Mary Embrey read the Resolution to Authorize the Town to pick-up the employee's contribution to the Virginia Retirement System for Plan 2 Employees. A motion was made by Councilman Hite and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Town to pick-up the employee's contribution to the Virginia Retirement System for Plan 2 Employees. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Carver stated that she would like to discuss something that was brought up at the last Finance Committee meeting on the Budget. She suggested that maybe the Police Department could purchase bicycles for the police officers to cut back on gas and toxic fumes. She also stated that she thought there would be more interaction with the public if the police officers were on bicycles. Mr. Harshman stated that it could create a problem if only one officer is on duty and that an officer with a vehicle would be needed. Also, with the Mutual Aid Agreement the Town has with the County and other Towns, the police officers would need to have a vehicle to assist when or if needed. Chief Clem stated that it would be good for P.R., would be good if more than one officer were working and good during the Ole Time Festival. Chief Clem will speak with the Town of New Market about the bicycle program they have.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town received a \$50 donation from the Lion's Club. Mr. Harshman also reported that the Town received a thank you note from the County Parks and Recreation Department for letting them use one of the park shelters for a Senior Fellowship Luncheon.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Hite to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk